also includes 20 km length on either side of Ludhiana is included in National Highways Development Project Phase-V. Over Bridge or under bridges are considered, wherever required. Target date of completion of NHDP Phase-V is 2012.

(d) Does not arise.

**Widening of Jalandhar to Pathankot NH**

3922. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether work relating to widening of National Highway on Jalandhar-Pathankot stretch beyond Bhagowal is going in very slow speed and the condition of the road on both sides of the bridge on river Beas is extremely poor causing extreme hardship to the road users; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the target fixed for the completion of the widening work on the Highway and also to improve the condition of the road on both sides of the bridge on the river Beas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIArPA): (a) and (b) Progress of work on Jalandhar-Pathankot stretch of National Highway-1 A beyond Bhagowal is slow mainly due to delay in acquisition of private land. Target for completion of its widening is December, 2008. The National Highway in both the approaches of Beas Bridge is targeted to be repaired by the end of May, 2007.

**Mumbai Port**

3923. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that five years ago, the Mumbai port was degenerating and now its throughput has more than doubled, surpassing all the targets;

(b) if so, whether in the end of fiscal 2006-07, Mumbai Port handled 52.36 million tonnes of cargo, the highest ever in the history of the Port, as against 35.19 million tonnes in the previous year; and

(c) if so, the steps which are being taken by Government to improve the position further?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) Mumbai Port witnessed a declining trend for traffic handled upto 2001-02. The growth of traffic during the last five years is as under:—

| Year | Traffic handled (in Million Tonnes) |
|---|---|
| 2002-03 | 26.80 |
| 2003-04 | 29.99 |
| 2004-05 | 35.19 |
| 2005-06 | 44.19 |
| 2006-07 | 52.36 |

(c) Improvement of the working of Major Ports in the country is an ongoing process. Various projects to augment and expand the capacity of Mumbai Port have been taken up under National Maritime Development Programme (NMDP) like (i) construction of two off shore container berths, (ii) Redevelopment of 18-21 Indira Dock Harbour wall berths (iii) Construction of second Liquid Chemical Berth at PIR PAU, (iv) Fifth Oil Berth at Jawahar Dweep.

**Tadri port**

3924. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Karnatka have proposed development of Tadri Port as an all-weather major port; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) Government of Karnataka has requested the Government of India for development of Tadri Port as all weather major port. Government of India has taken note of the request. Decision on setting